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SUBJECT: IBE COUNCIL MEETING, GENEVA 17-20 JANUARY 1977

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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTEL (A) PERMDEL REPEATS THAT

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT LEESTMA BE US DELEGATE TO SUBJECT MEETING.

2. REFTEL (B) PROVIDED BACKGROUND ON FACT THAT UNDER INTENSE PRESSURE IN ELECTORAL GROUP I US MADE COMMITMENT OF LEESTMA AS US DELEGATE TO SUBJECT COUNCIL. USE OF LEESTMA'S NAME WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN US BEING ELECTED TO COUNCIL. PERMDEL STRONGLY FEELS US MUST HONOR ITS PLEDGE.

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3. AGENDA OF SUBJECT COUNCIL MEETING CARRIES FAR MORE IMPORTANCE TO US INTERESTS AND ENDANGERS THOSE INTERESTS MORE THAN PREVIOUS IBE COUNCIL MEETINGS.

4. DUE TO INCREASED SOVIET INFLUENCE IN EDUCATION SECTOR OF UNESCO AND POTENTIAL OF INCREASED UNESCO EDUCATION SECTOR CONTROL OF IBE WITH FORTHCOMING APPOINTMENT

OF NEW IBE DIRECTOR, PLUS INCREASE IN THIRD WORLD MEMBERSHIP ON IBE COUNCIL AS RESULT OF 19TH GC ACTION ON AGENDA ITEM 46.1, USDEL TO SUBJECT MEETING WILL HAVE DIFFICULTIES, BUT MUST ASSURE US CANDIDATE FOR IBE DIRECTORSHIP IS ACCEPTED ON NOMINATION "SHORT-LIST" TO UNESCO DG. PRESENCE OF LEESTMA WILL ASSURE OTHER MEMBER STATES OF GOOD FAITH OF US AND ENHANCE CHANCES OF US CANDIDATE. ABSENCE OF LEESTMA MAY JEOPARDIZE US POSITION AND INFLUENCE ON COUNCIL AS WELL AS CHANCES OF US PLACING CANDIDATE ON "SHORT-LIST".

5. IN ADDITION NEW PRESIDENT AND BUREAU OF IBE COUNCIL WILL BE ELECTED.

6. ACTIONS IN PARAS 4 AND 5 TO ASSURE THAT US INTERESTS ARE ED WILL REQUIRE KNOWLEDGE OF AND RAPPORT WITH OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS AND PRESENT DIRECTOR FERNIG. INTENSIVE LOBBYING WILL BE NECESSARY. LEESTMA'S INTERNATIONAL STATURE IN EDUCATION IS ESSENTIAL FOR SUCCESS OF THESE ENDEAVORS.

7. PERMDEL REPEATS THAT LEESTMA'S PRESENCE IS ABSOLUTELY VITAL TO US INTERESTS AT SUBJECT MEETING. GAMMON

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